

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

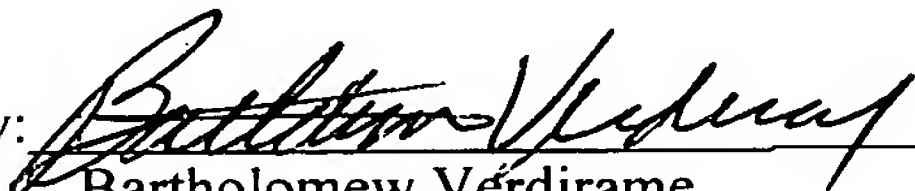
Claims 1-10 are currently pending. Claims 1-8 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby to conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3-6 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1, and Claim 8 has been amended to depend solely on Claim 6 thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the Applicants' invention. In addition, the element numbers have been removed from Claims 1-3 and 6-8 in accordance with U.S. practice. New dependent Claims 9 and 10 have been added and are directed to elements previously claimed in claims 4 and 6, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4791-4005. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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